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RE: Harbor Comments

I am the President of Gann Brothers Printing, a third-generation printing company that has been in Portland for 115 years. We employ four people in the Portland area. We are based two minutes away from the Willamette River, so the cleanup could affect us immensely. The EPA is approaching the problem based on out-of-date research, not taking into account how much the river has purified itself over the last 8-12 years. It is not wise to mess with a sleeping bear. If pollutants are encapsulated underneath the riverbed, there is no reason to mess with them and risk releasing them back into the water. Some of our paper comes from overseas, and turning the Willamette into a decades-long construction zone would interfere with the boats that bring paper here. It would also make the flow of traffic on land even slower, which is unacceptable.

Raising taxes and utilities to pay for a billion-dollar cleanup would kill us. Most of our machines are run by electricity. During the summer, our electricity bills run close to \$500 a month; during the winter, they run close to \$800 a month. We can't afford them to go up. Higher operating costs make it even more difficult to compete with national companies like Vistaprint. It would be much better if that billion dollars were spent trying to help small businesses like mine by easing taxes and regulations, helping with parking, or improving the traffic flow by creating more areas where trucks can get in and out. In any event, the money should be spent on small businesses because they are what drive this city. Instead of forcing its destructive mandate upon Portland, the EPA should rethink its approach to the Willamette cleanup and find a solution that is going to benefit the people who live here and the businesses who work here.

Sincerely,

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